

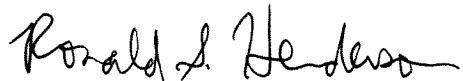
REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-25 and 27 were pending in this application prior to this amendment. Claims 2, 9 and 26 were canceled previously. Claim 27 is canceled herein. Thus, after this amendment, claims 1, 3-8 and 10-25 are pending in the application.

The examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1, 3-8 and 10-25 are allowed. The examiner rejected claim 27 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,366,191 to Bekanich. While the undersigned does not agree with the examiner's characterization of element 60 of Bekanich as being a "tapered portion," in the interest of advancing the application to allowance, claim 27 is canceled herein. Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

If there are any outstanding issues in this patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (317) 231-7341. It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to attorney docket no. 7175-79466.

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